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My Favorite Tree

By Cassidy Roberts

You're so tall.
I'm so small.
I'd like to sit on your branches
And see all the ranches.
I'd like to climb to the top of you
And see all the world below you.
If I could climb all the way,
I'd probably see Green Bay.
I know you live in California,
I just want to warn yah.
If it falls,
You won't get any wake up calls.
There's a park named after you.
I'd like to go there,
And learn all about you.
You're so round,
And I'm so bound.
My favorite tree is a redwood tree.

Seneca Elementary, Seneca
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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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3		4		5 When morning temperatures are above 25°, winter songbirds will sing. Using a thermometer, monitor the link between temperature and animal behavior.		6		7 Black bear cubs being born in dens.		8 Listen for drumming woodpeckers. They peck at trees to find food, communicate with other birds and attract a mate.		9	
10 National Invasive Species Awareness Week (Jan 10 – Jan 14)		11 Conservationist Aldo Leopold born (1887) – He is considered to be the father of wildlife management in the United States.		12 How do Canada geese and robins spend the winter months?		13		14 Time to watch bald eagles along lower Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.		15		16	
17 Listen for black-capped chickadees as they begin their spring courtship songs.		18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day		19		20 Identify fresh tracks in the snow. Where do you think the animal is going?		21		22		23 Beavers, red fox, wolves and Canada lynx begin mating.	
24		25 First Winter Olympics (1924) What winter sports use equipment that is made from wood?		26		27		28 Fun Forestry Fact: Are you wearing a tree? Fabrics such as rayon are made from tree fibers.		29		30 Full (Wolf) Moon	
31 Learn about winter tree identification.													



Fruit
Red pines produce *cones* that grow to 2 inches in length. Like all pines, it requires 2 years for cones to mature, at which point the cones turn purplish in color. Red pine seeds are small (1/8 inch), dark brown, winged and widely scattered by the wind.



Red Pine
(*Pinus resinosa*)

Form
Red pine trees are usually 80 to 90 feet in height, but can occasionally be 120 feet tall. Their branches form an open, rounded, picturesque crown.

Leaf
Red pine needles grow in clusters of 2 and are generally dark-to yellow-green and 4 to 6 inches long. They are brittle and break easily when bent between two fingers.

Wood
The wood is pale red with whitish sapwood, and is moderately hard and close grained. It is used mainly for pulpwood, but is increasingly being chosen for construction lumber, pilings and pressure-treated poles.

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